

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are currently pending. Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration in view of the remarks presented herein below.

At the outset, Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 9, 10, and 17.

In paragraph 2 of the Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-8, 11-16, and 18-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by International Application Publication No. WO 00/38951 to Mathias et al. ("Mathias"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

In order to support a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102, the cited reference must teach each and every claimed element. In the present case, claims 1-8, 11-16, and 18-21 are not anticipated by Mathias because Mathias fails to disclose each and every claimed element as discussed below.

Independent claim 1 defines a video reproducing apparatus. The apparatus includes, *inter alia*, at least a pair of units having separate housings, a chassis for holding said units, supporting means for supporting displacement of said pair of units, and fixing means for fixing the displacement. Furthermore, said pair of units are displaced in respective directions and fixed and housed in a predetermined position.

Mathias discloses a video display system that is mountable in a vehicle and removable for use outside the vehicle. The system of Mathias includes, *inter alia*, a digital video disc player that is integrally positioned within either the housing or the

screen console. In other words, Mathias discloses that the display and DVD player may have separate housings (i.e., as shown in Fig. 1) or may be housed in the same unit, as shown in Figs. 4-10. Although Fig. 1 of Mathias includes separate housings for the two units, in this embodiment both units are *not* displaced in respective directions. In other words, in the separate housing embodiment of Mathias, the DVD player is not displaced, it is permanently fixed in the housing 34. Accordingly, Mathias fails to disclose an embodiment which includes each and every claimed element.

In rejecting claim 1, the Examiner improperly points to multiple embodiments of Mathias as disclosing individual elements of the claimed invention. However, Mathias fails to disclose the invention as a whole in a single embodiment. Accordingly, Mathias fails to anticipated claim 1.

Claims 2-8, 11-16, and 18-21 variously depend from independent claim 1. Therefore, claims 2-8, 11-16, and 18-21 are patentable over Mathias for at least those reasons presented above with respect to claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-8, 11-16 and 18-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

The application is in condition for allowance. Notice of same is earnestly solicited. Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Penny Caudle (Reg. No. 46,607) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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